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Milam considering new job

Gary Jesch

UNR President Max Milam is one of nine finalists being considered for the presidency of Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Okla.

According to the chairman of the search committee at OSU, Dr. Earl Mitchell, Milam's chances to be named the successor to Dr. Robert Kamm are "better than even." Mitchell said he thought a decision will be reached between now and the first of the year and the announcement would be made in mid-January.

Milam, however, said he felt that the process was not that far along. He said he thought his visit to OSU last weekend was more of a preliminary meeting although he acknowledged that he was a finalist in the selection process.

When asked if he wanted to take over Kamm's position, Milam said, "There are too many things that are too important for me to leave as early as February. If I had to leave right away, I think that I would have to decline. We have many things such as the budget coming up this Spring. I love this area dearly and would not be ready to leave by February."

Milam said that he had not considered who he would recommend to take over for him in the event that he accepted the position. "There are just too many 'ifs' and 'maybes' at this point," he said.

Milam declined to identify the person who had nominated him. "It was a friend at another university in Oklahoma. I just don't think he knew what was going on here or there."

Mitchell said Milam was the first of the nine to be interviewed. He said he thought that a decision by the Oklahoma Board of Regents is necessary before February 1, 1977, when Kamm's resignation becomes official. Mitchell said about 157 candidates applied for the position, which was advertised nationally.

The position of president at Oklahoma State reportedly pays about \$50,000 a year, \$12,000 more than Milam is allowed to earn under Nevada law. Milam, however, said the money is not a consideration.

OSU has about 20,000 more students than UNR, but in other ways the two are very similar. Both are land-grant institutions established in 1864 under the Morrill Act. Both have many of the same colleges such as Arts and Science, Engineering, Business, Agriculture and Nursing. Both have medical schools, and OSU has one of the largest veterinary schools in the country. These similarities are also reflected in the politics of the two institutions.

Milam's familiarity with the area may give him an added chance to be selected for the post. He was chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University of Arkansas until 1969. Before that, he taught at the University of Kentucky and Central State College, Edmond, Okla. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in political science at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and did undergraduate work at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Milam was named president of UNR in 1974, filling the position left vacant by the resignation of N. Edd Miller. He had been trustee and executor of the estate of the late Winthrop Rockefeller in Arkansas before Nevada's Board of Regents hired him. At the time, he was known as a leader in business, higher education and state administration, as well as an academician.

Milam's two years as UNR president have not been without controversy. He recently was criticized by the regents for his method of selecting an academic vice-president without a nationwide search. Milam was within his rights, the board decided, but a new policy has since been drafted which would not permit this in the future. The candidate endorsed by Milam in that controversy was Dean of the College of Arts and Science Robert M. Gorrell, who would probably be named his temporary successor if Milam were hired at OSU.

According to Mitchell, who supervised the search, the processes of Affirmative Action recruiting worked to a point at OSU. He said there were nominations of women and members of minorities among the top 15-20 persons, but none were included in the final group, where there are "rigid criteria, including things they have done, and professional development." He added that he was disappointed that no minority candidates made it any further.

Kamm has announced that he will remain on the campus after his resignation, possibly to take a teaching position in OSU's College of Education.



Photo by Terrebonne

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Bad precedent

Editor:

I read with interest the story in the Nov. 30 issue of Sagebrush that reported the possibility of Parking and Traffic Board member Milton Fuller being asked to resign his seat so that the board may "function with less friction." This request is attributed to ASUN President Jim Stone and the "committee's secretary" DeSha Burau. DeSha is not a recognized member of the board, but an employe of Keith Shumway and UNPD; her semi-official position is recorder.

As a member of last year's board, I can testify that it's in Keith Shumway's best interest to have Milton Fuller removed from the board, since Milton was the leader of the opposition to last year's attempt to increase parking fine revenues tenfold. Although Chief Shumway is to act *only* as an advisor to the board, he seldom speaks only when spoken to, and at times uses ridicule and verbal abuse during and after meetings to sway opinion.

As far as explanations of "less friction" and getting on with "progress" are concerned, "progress" amounts to the steady addition of parking meters on campus, and "less friction" means that no one dares open his mouth.

Last year's board was riddled with dissension because an unpopular idea was being forced through with little or no regard to procedure or fair play, not due to any undue hijinks from Milton Fuller.

The claim that the minority report was a consensus of opinion from a majority of the members is true. The minority report was reportedly never seen by the University President. Explanations for this exclusion are only speculative, but *one* report did get to the President—the one prepared by Police Chief Shumway and board chairman Tom Reed.

Clearing up the "parking problem" does not necessarily mean clearing out Milton Fuller.

Larry Winkler

As you point out, it would be a dangerous precedent if Fuller was removed from the Board. "Friction" is a common element of many boards. To remove it would be to stifle ideas and encourage manipulation. Fuller is a student representative who goes to the meetings well-prepared. It is in the best interest of the students for him to remain on that board, to protect us, in my opinion.
-Ed.

D.C. changes

Editor:

Recently my office has received numerous complaints concerning the Dining Commons. As a result I met several times with Ed Niethold and Ed Pine to see if these problems could not be resolved. I should like to say at the outset that both men were deeply concerned, and more than co-operative.

The complaints ran from excessively long lines to not enough food being given to the students, and that the D.C. frequently ran out of some items. I should like to say that we found that most of the complaints were deemed to be legitimate and as a result the following changes will be instituted as soon as possible.

First, the Food Services Committee will start holding its meetings in the dormitories on a rotating basis. Any student is welcome to attend these meetings and air any gripes he or she might have. I urge you to make more and better use of the committee and to attend their meetings. Dates and times will be posted in the dorms, or you can call Vada Trimble if you wish.

As you have probably noticed, there are now three serving lines open for each meal, as well as a separate seconds line. This should alleviate the long lines which have existed.

Other changes which will go into effect by Spring Semester will include: the addition of a salad and condiments bar, moving the beverages into one area instead of having them spread out as they are now, additional seating in the area where the salad bar is now, and the addition of shelves on which to place books. It is hoped that these changes, along with more and better communications, will alleviate the problems you have had in the D.C.

Remember, my door is always open to you and I am concerned that your stay at UNR be as pleasant as possible.

Jim Stone
ASUN President



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Things were so different before everything changed.

Council supports yearbook bylaw

Dennis Felts

The constitutionality of an *Artemisia* bylaw that makes yearbook material accessible to the Publications Board has been upheld by an ASUN Judicial Council decision.

The request for the ruling followed three months of controversy concerning a similar bylaw, to be included in the *Brushfire* bylaws, that has been defeated by the ASUN Senate and the Publications Board.

The ruling, which also included a constitutional review of the *Brushfire* bylaws and contract and how they relate to the ASUN Constitution, was released at the Publications Board meeting Tuesday.

"The council finds that access to the materials which will appear in the *Artemisia* is a policy which could reasonably be considered 'necessary for the proper control of ASUN funds and the conduct of its business,' [according to Section 440.3 of the ASUN Constitution]," the decision stated.

Several members of the Publications Board requested

the ruling because they wanted to shed light on the controversy concerning a similar bylaw proposal for the *Brushfire*. Gene Drakulich, *Artemesia* editor, previously said he did not feel that the bylaw would apply to *Brushfire* because the literary publication is different than a yearbook.

The proposed bylaw stated, "Shall make accessible for discussion to the Publications Board all material that appears in the *Brushfire*, upon request from the board. It is understood Publications Board acts only in an advisory capacity."

Following the council's decision, *Brushfire* editor Katrina Everett resigned because she anticipated that the ASUN Senate would continue their attempts to place prior review restrictions on her publication.

"The council finds that the *Brushfire* bylaws and editor's contract do not overstep the authority granted to the Publications Board . . .", the decision stated. The council also said that "the bylaws and contract do not

violate the confines of the Student Bill of Rights."

Following the decision, Chief Justice Don Dakin commented on the conclusion of the ruling. He explained, "I feel the Publications Board has been negligent in responding to the Judicial Council decision of Dec. 9, 1975, which states that 'the Publications Board should formulate a set of policies for individual publications.'"

"It is not within the capacity of the Judicial Council to say what those policies should be, but the policies should help clarify the rights and responsibilities of the Publications Board and editors of publications," Dakin explained.

"From my experience in dealing with similar problems, I feel that the Publications Board should declare the intent of that bylaw, as well as the editor's responsibility," Dakin concluded.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ASUN PUBLICATIONS BOARD
FROM: ASUN JUDICIAL COUNCIL
SUBJECT: Response to request for Ruling

The following is the unanimous decision of the ASUN JUDICIAL COUNCIL vis a vis the questions raised by the ASUN SENATE and presented to the JUDICIAL COUNCIL for consideration:

1. A constitutional review of the BRUSHFIRE bylaws and contract, and how they relate to the ASUN Constitution.
2. A ruling on the constitutionality of bylaw 440.7.

In reviewing the BRUSHFIRE bylaws and editor's contract, the COUNCIL placed particular emphasis on the constitutional source of the PUBLICATIONS BOARD the power to "formulate such policies as is necessary for the proper control of ASUN funds and the conduct of its business." However, this power is granted within the confines of the Student Bill of Rights,

particularly section 4, which deals with student publications. The COUNCIL finds that the BRUSHFIRE bylaws and editor's contract do not overstep the authority granted to the PUBLICATIONS BOARD by section 440.3 of the ASUN Constitution. The COUNCIL also finds that the bylaws and editor's contract do not violate the confines of the Student Bill of Rights.

The COUNCIL notes attached Criteria Actions for the ASUN BRUSHFIRE editor. As they presently stand, these criteria are not adopted bylaws, and are therefore, not binding to the ASUN PUBLICATIONS BOARD nor the BRUSHFIRE editor. However, the COUNCIL finds no constitutional conflicts if criteria 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 were to be presently adopted.

With regards to section 440.7 of the PUBLICATIONS BOARD bylaws:

440.7 Shall (editor) make accessible to the PUBLICATIONS BOARD all material that appears in the ARTEMISIA, upon request from the BOARD.

The COUNCIL finds that access to the materials which will appear in the ARTEMISIA is a policy which could reasonably be considered "necessary for the proper control of ASUN funds and the conduct of its business." (Sec-

tion 440.3 of the ASUN Constitution) The COUNCIL also finds that section 440.7 does not give the right of censorship to the PUBLICATIONS BOARD, nor do we find that access to material which is to be printed is an act of advance approval of copy by the PUBLICATIONS BOARD.

The COUNCIL recommends that the PUBLICATIONS BOARD bring its policies into alignment with the Student Bill of Rights by defining the corollary responsibilities which are contingent to ASUN editorial freedom. Only when the PUBLICATIONS BOARD and the ASUN editors clearly have all rights and limitations in interpretable print will the ASUN be assured of timely receipt of its publications.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Dakin, Chief Justice
Craig Kent, Justice
Lance Turner, Justice
Jim Morgan, Justice

Students lose literary publication

Dennis Felts

There will be no *Brushfire* this year due to the resignation of Katrina Everett, editor of the literary publication.

"In view of the fact you have decided to place yourselves in the position of a hidden editorial board with privileges to review and thereby censor *Brushfire*, I must, in good conscience, inform the board of my resignation as editor of *Brushfire*," stated Everett in a memorandum presented to the Publications Board Tuesday.

Everett resigned after hearing the decision of the ASUN Judicial Council that upheld the constitutionality of an *Artemisia* bylaw that makes accessible to the Publications Board all material that appears in the yearbook, upon request from the board.

"I can't say the board as a whole did not care about *Brushfire*. Karen Harrington, Gary Johnson, Gary Jesch and Gene Drakulich made a commitment to support *Brushfire* from the beginning," Everett said.

"Marc Cardinali [ASUN vice-president of Finance and Publications and chairman of the Publications Board] resigned from Sigma Delta Chi/Society of Professional Journalists because he was opposed to their support of *Brushfire*," she said. "I don't think he really

cares about *Brushfire* or really understands what a literary magazine is. I don't think he knows what it is to believe in something and to make a commitment to it.

"Cardinali has been an obstruction. He is supposed to be chairman of the board, expressing no viewpoints, but in expressing his personal opinions, he destroyed the credibility of his office," she said.

Everett anticipated that some members of the ASUN Senate would continue their attempts to include a similar restriction in the *Brushfire* bylaws. A similar bylaw for *Brushfire* has been defeated several times this year by the Publications Board.

"You are anticipating something that may never happen," commented Sen. Mark Quinlan. He also said that he does not feel that the bylaw is censorship or that it is grounds for resignation.

Everett believes that the ASUN Senate is legally wrong if they attempt to pass any bylaw that contains hidden censorship because it could be subject to a loose interpretation and thereby abused. She referred to a 1969 Supreme Court decision in her letter of resignation that states, "students no longer shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and expression at the school-house gate."

"I do not think ASUN really cares about *Brushfire*. The Senate threatened once to take away *Brushfire* funding [on Nov. 10] because they evidently saw no other recourse. They do not know how to deal with the problem," said Everett.

"There is no doubt that contributors would have taken their work away from *Brushfire* if hidden censorship were there," Everett commented. "The Art Department, the English Department and the Nevada State Council on the Arts support my position," she added.

Several Publications Board members said Everett was taking the easy way out. They felt she should have continued to fight for her freedoms. Senate members said that she has not attempted to find a compromise to the problem.

Everett, however, said she compromised by allowing the board to write a set of bylaws that far exceed the original three bylaws that were to be included. The original three bylaws referred to financial accountability, printing bids and monthly progress reports.

Alternative means of publishing *Brushfire* without the financial support of the ASUN are being explored by Everett.

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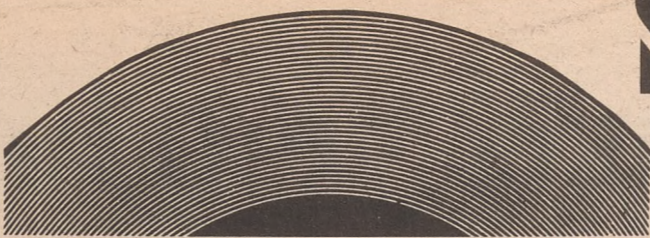
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Have I got a special treat for you today. It's time for the first annual Dan Cook miscellaneous awards. The criteria for the winners are basically my own opinions, and being a music nut I feel fully qualified. If you do not agree with my choices simply drop me a line and hurt my feelings.

Best-looking rock'n'roll band: Ramones.
Best-looking male vocalist: Robert Palmer.
Strangest-looking vocalist: Patti Smith is tied with Lou Reed.

Best-looking female vocalist: Linda Ronstadt, sometimes.

Longest tongue for a rock'n'roll star: Gene Summers (Kiss).

Biggest disappointment for 1976: The Bee Gees.
Most tasteful album cover: Al Stewart's Year of the Cat.
Best example of total reliance on one's name instead of one's music (or in other words... How to make money in your spare time): Led Zepplin.

Honorable mention: Richie Havens for finally getting some teeth and Elton John for cutting back on his album releases.

Special thanks to Walter Murphy for his definitive version of Beethoven's Fifth.

Next time I hope to have more categories and maybe even Patti Labelle here to accept all the awards.

-D.C.

The Pretender—Jackson Browne

Listening to this album I get the feeling that perhaps Jackson has tried too hard, that what on earlier albums seemed to pour from the soul (whether it was wrenched with great effort, no matter, it had power) sounds forced on this one. His lyrics, basically autobiographical and introspective throughout, border on self-indulgence.

That's not to say the album doesn't have its moments. There are a few good tunes ("The Only Child" and "Daddy's Tune" perhaps ring truest) as well as the usual excellent musicianship, meticulously mixed and recorded. Bonnie Raitt, David Crosby and Graham Nash join in on some of the harmonies and Jackson's voice has more variation to it than on previous albums.

Though it's good to hear from him again, this being a long awaited release, the album just doesn't compare to what he's done previously.

What I find most impressive about the album is the really fine photograph on the back cover taken by Jackson (presumably of his son) on which is printed a beautiful poem by Pablo Neruda—"Brown and Agile Child" (translated by Kenneth Rexroth).

Leftoverture—Kansas

Many Kansas fans I talked to were disappointed in the latest effort by this group, which is still searching for recognition. Personally, I was very pleased with it.

There are some really distinctive melodies on it which grow with each listening, and that, to me, is very important in an LP. I tend not to grow tired of it as quickly.

"Carry on Wayward Son," on side one, is one of the most exciting opening tracks I've heard in years. Kansas displays their devastating power along with a careful blending of magnificent harmonies. It catches your attention immediately. The next track, "The Wall," is just as stimulating, though in a mellower way. The high energy returns on "What's On My Mind."

Side two is where most of the complaints come from Kansas listeners. Apparently they wanted more of the same sound but instead comes an astonishingly toned-down Kansas with tasteful synthesizers, acoustic guitars and pleasing violin/viola work by lead singer Robby Steinhardt.

Kansas shows a lot of versatility this time around, even adding a classical flavoring. So if powerful progressive rock'n'roll with super vocals is your kind of music, then maybe Kansas is your kind of band.

-D.C.

Concerts

Jimmy Buffett —Dec. 6, 7 at Squaw Valley
David Bromberg—Dec. 17 at Squaw Valley

New Releases

Joni Mitchell—Hejira
Elvin Bishop—Hometown Boy Does Good
Nazareth—Play'n the Game
James Taylor—Greatest
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band—Dirt Silver & Gold
Crusaders—Greatest
Chi-Lites—Happy Being Lonely
Frank Zappa—Zoot Allures
George Harrison—33 and 1/3
Charlie Daniels Band—High Lonesome
Loggins & Messina—Best of
Funkedelic—Hard Core Jollies
Allman Bros.—Wipe the Windows
Barbra Streisand & Kris Kristofferson—Soundtrack,
A Star Is Born
Pink Panther Strikes Again

ASUN NEWS

Reserved seats

Achtung! We figure somebody out there must have been burned at the basketball games over the weekend concerning Student IDs. So we'll say it again:

Student IDs are not valid admission to any UNR basketball games this year. You must obtain a ticket (free) by presenting your ID card at the ASUN Activities Office. Tickets will be available about one week prior to any game.

A maximum of 1200 student seats has been reserved at the Centennial Coliseum, so don't wait until the last minute like we do.

Deadline today

The date for Winter Carnival has just been pushed up one week: Jan. 31—Feb. 6. Keep those dates in mind. Also keep in mind the fact that we need a Winter Carnival Chairperson to direct and organize fun and games for the week. If you don't want to do it, but know someone who can, just make an anonymous phone call to the ASUN office, 784-6589, and whisper that name. We'll take it from there. See Peggy Martin for further details and applications.

Hurry! This offer expires soon— **deadline for filing is today at 5 p.m.**

Refunds for HJFD

We apologize for the cancellation of the Hamilton, Joe Frank, and Dennison Concert.

Ticket refunds will be available through today in the ASUN Activities Office.

If you're miffed about the cancellation and would like to know more details, you're entitled to an explanation. Ask assistant dean of students Pete Perriera while you get your refund.

Committee list

When we say it's getting late, apparently you're not panicking. Now less than two weeks separate us from finals, and the infamous list of committee vacancies hasn't grown smaller. As you can see, we still need seven volunteers. Any takers? We're panicking even if you're not. ASUN undergraduates with a 2.2 GPA may fill out applications at the ASUN office— to a standing ovation! Telephone: 784-6589.

Ethnic Studies Committee (1)
Faculty Information and Documentation Committee (1)
History and Social Theory Board (1)
Institutional Studies and Budget Committee (1)
International Studies Development and Review Board (1)
Space Assignment Board (1)
Teacher Education Board (1)

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PDT concert

Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in conjunction with Easter Seals, is sponsoring a concert Dec. 5 at the old gym on the UNR campus.

Eight bands will play in half-hour sessions lasting from noon to 4 p.m.

Tickets for the concert can be bought at the door. Couples are \$2 and singles \$1.50.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Easter Seals Society of Northern Nevada.

The final week

Getchell Library has released a schedule of special open hours for finals week.

- Dec. 5— 1 p.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9— 8 a.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 10— 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 11— 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dec. 12— 1 p.m. to midnight.
- Dec. 13, 14, 15, 16— 8 a.m. to midnight.

After finals week, the library will be following its regular semester-break schedule: 8 a.m.—5 p.m. weekdays. It will be closed weekends.

Common

During the week of Dec. 13—17, the dining commons will open one half hour earlier and close 15 minutes later to accommodate students taking final exams.

"With finals starting at 7:15 a.m., we will open for breakfast at 6:45 a.m. to get kids ready," says Edgar F. Niethold of the Professional Food Management Company, which operates the dining commons. The closing time will remain the same. "And with finals running as late as 6 p.m., we will stay open for dinner until 6:30 to get that extra rush."

The company also is increasing efforts to reach students for ideas for improvement. Food committee meetings, formerly held in the Pyramid Lake Room, are now being held in dormitory lounges.

"We've had more students attend and many more good comments from the students this way," Niethold says.

—Hill

Money to spend

Students interested in receiving financial aid for studying in Europe with the Institute of European Studies next year, fall 1977—spring 1978, are reminded that application forms should be picked up as soon as possible. It is not too early to start planning for next year in Europe.

Application deadlines:

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| Financial aid | February 11, 1977 |
| Summer or Fall, 1977 | April 15, 1977 |
| Full Year Programs, 1977—78 | April 15, 1977 |
| Durham, England, Programs and Scholarships | February 1, 1977 |

Applications are available 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and 12:30—2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 201 of Frandsen Humanities.



Photo by Bass

Show discounts

A decision allowing students to attend local theatres at a discount rate has been passed by the Activities Board and the ASUN Senate.

You, as a student, will be able to attend any movie or special program at the Crest or Keystone Theatres for \$1.50 if the ticket is purchased from the ASUN Activities Office.

The Activities Board is buying 150 discount tickets to start the new program. They will purchase more tickets as they are needed.

In other business, the Board decided they will be able to follow the original ASUN movie schedule by showing "Bite the Bullet" this Sunday. The Board recently changed the schedule and planned to show "Shampoo" this weekend. However, they have received "Bite the Bullet" and will therefore go back to their original schedule.

—Felts

Pack by back

The final leadership exercise of the semester for UNR ROTC students will be a weekend of backpacking in the Mt. Rose area this weekend. About 25 students will participate in the exercise, which will include an overnight camp at upper Price Lake.

The students will be dropped off at Tahoe Meadows on the Mt. Rose Highway Saturday morning. They will hike to Price Lake and set up camp for the night. On Sunday they will hike to the Bowers Mansion, where they will be picked up.

The purpose of the exercise will be training in cross-country movement and cold-weather survival techniques, according to Capt. Dennis L. George, the expedition leader.

Other exercises this semester included an overnight raft trip down the Truckee River, rock climbing on Owl's Rock and weapons familiarization. The training is designed to supplement the classroom environment with outdoor work. The purpose is the development of self-confidence and the overcoming of fears.

—Falcone

shorts

'Messiah' tonight

It's billed as a university production, but, as often in the past, the annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Pioneer Theater tonight will draw the bulk of its talent from the Reno community.

Only 21 students are registered members of the University Singers this semester, so director Ted Puffer said he has drawn vocalists from the Nevada Opera Guild and local church choirs.

In past years, the university choir has had 75—100 voices.

The accompanying orchestra will not use university talent at all because of lack of practice time, according to one UNR music major. The orchestra will consist of opera personnel and Reno Musicians' Union members.

Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

All that stuff

Brochures are now available describing English Department courses for spring 1977 in the English Department Office, Room 106 of Frandsen Humanities.

The brochures feature reading lists, projected assignments, and other helpful information not available in the university catalogue.

Typewriter gone

For the second time this semester an electric typewriter has been stolen from Getchell Library.

The theft from the serials department was discovered Monday, Nov. 22 according to Dorothy McAlinden of the library. The circulation department had suffered a similar theft when a student employe discovered a typewriter missing Sunday, Oct. 17.

Mrs. McAlinden estimated that it would cost \$600 each to replace the typewriters. Both thefts were reported to UNPD and security has been increased, she said.

She said custodians were alerted that people may attempt to remain in the building after closing and later exit through doors in the library's new addition.

Mrs. McAlinden added that these exits were being hooked up to the building's alarm system, which sounds a buzzer when the doors are opened.

—Herb

Aggies join NCA

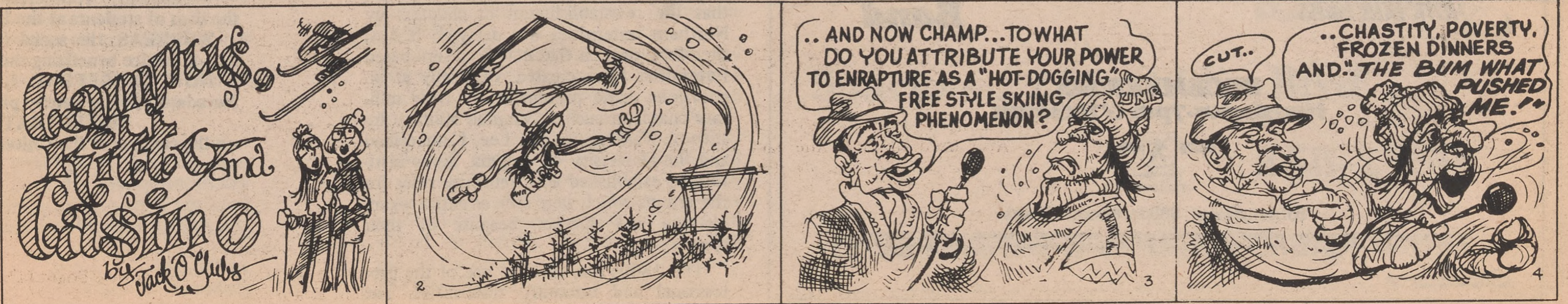
The UNR Aggie Club became an associate member of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) during the NCA's recent annual convention.

Rich Nalder, club president, said the Aggie Club joined the NCA to get more young people involved in the state's livestock industry and to provide a "great learning experience" for club members.

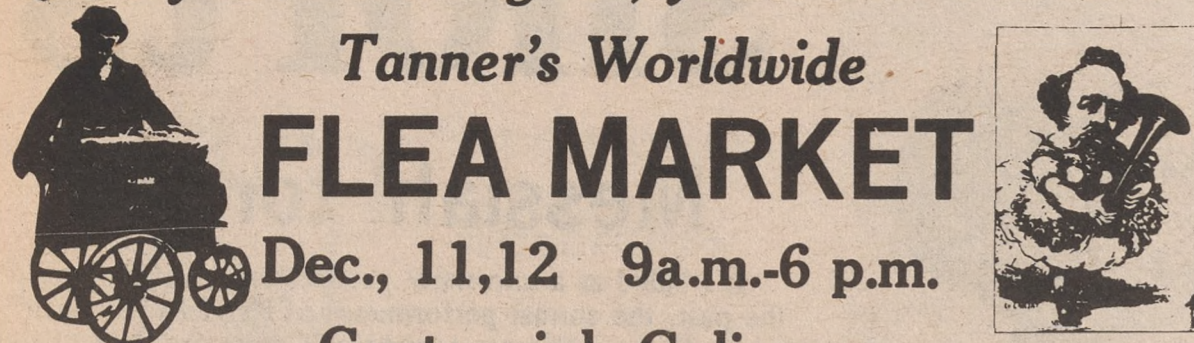
"The NCA is planning a seminar every year, involving ranchers and agency officials from across the state, that would show the students in the Ag College the problems facing the cattle industry today and ways these problems are being solved," Nalder said.

Nalder said the Aggie Club will also be invited to attend all NCA board meetings and participate in all NCA activities and programs during the year.

—Steninger



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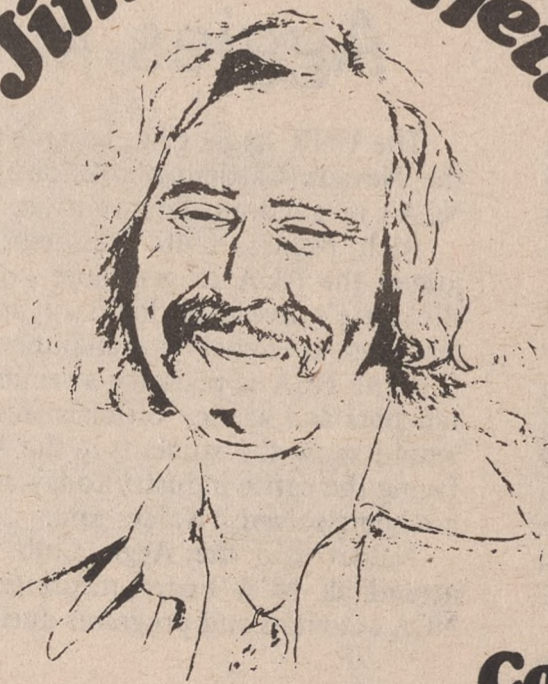
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Greeks celebrate own Bicentennial

By Robert Kinney, Dean of Students

Dec. 5, 1776... only five months earlier the colonies had declared their independence from England. At the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg, Va., a different kind of rebellion was occurring. The men of William and Mary College declared their independence by founding a secret society which set the pattern for hundreds of fraternal groups that were to follow as a parallel to the growth of higher education in the United States.

Phi Beta Kappa was launched as a "society for congenial spirits" in which the members sought the companionship, sociability and mutual support for their scholastic endeavors which would temper the academic program and the oppressive rules for students. Phi Beta Kappa adopted all the characteristics of the present day fraternity: the mystic of secrecy, a ritual, the use of Greek names, a badge, mottos in Latin or Greek, a code of laws, a seal and a special handclasp.

This original society at William and Mary College had an active life of only four years, but by then branches had been established at Yale and Harvard. When half a century of the fraternity's life had passed there were only five active chapters. It soon became and since has remained an honor society.

At the University of South Carolina in 1812, four members of Phi Beta Kappa founded a fraternity known as Kappa Alpha. Kappa Alpha spread widely and became established on 21 campuses. Chapters were also organized in county seats and towns. The fraternity itself died in 1866 as a result of an exposure of its secrets, but by then, fraternities were well established in American collegiate life. Among the many prominent members of Kappa Alpha was U.S. President James K. Polk.

These early fraternities, though exceedingly small, met with much opposition from faculty but were secretly popular with students. Paralleling their rise, a different type of society developed. Mostly of literary character, their object was training and drill in composition and oratory. These were encouraged by the faculties and given prominent places in the college catalogs. Their meetings did afford an opportunity for students to become acquainted but usually the societies were too large to foster close friendships. By 1827, Union College, N.Y., saw the development of the first fraternity system. It included Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi, called sometimes the "Union Triad;" they were the pattern for the American fraternity system.

Women's societies soon took their cue from the emerging fraternities; the Adelpian Society was the first sisterhood to be established in 1851. The first national college fraternity for women was Pi Beta Phi in 1867, then Kappa Alpha Theta, the first Greek-letter society for women, in 1870. After these modest beginnings sororities gained strength and paralleled the growth of the American college fraternities.

During the Civil War, collegiate activity everywhere was weakened and in the South practically was suspended. After the war the state of the South was so uncertain that the re-establishment of chapters by Northern fraternities was delayed. It was, therefore, natural that new Southern-based fraternities were created, especially at institutions made prominent by their military character such as Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee, Cumberland and the University of Virginia. Some institutions established anti-fraternity rules for the groups which were seen as elitist organizations and suspect because of their secrecy.

The 1800s also saw the rise of the professional and honorary fraternities. The



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University of Michigan might well be called the "mother" of the professional fraternity for each in several fields was founded there. The professional fraternity is unusual in that it provides all the advantages of fraternal affiliation yet offers the real benefits that accrue in a membership comprised exclusively of persons who have chosen the same profession for their career. They typically enjoy strong faculty support and encourage association between faculty members and students. Honor societies are somewhat different and exist primarily to recognize the attainment of a superior quality. These organizations define and maintain a high standard of eligibility for membership.

World War I, the Depression of the 1930s and World War II were periods of crisis which the fraternities weathered, and which helped to mold them into different institutions. Just as these events had a

detrimental effect upon the American society at large, so did they upon the organizations which depend upon that society for membership. The post-World War II era, however, was a boon, both for higher education and for the national fraternity movement.

Out of this period grew a greater appreciation on the part of the university administrators. Effective cooperation had various results: increased administrative services, assistance in housing and a strong interfraternity involvement in student government. Universities began to employ professionals devoted entirely to Greek organizations. The prevailing attitude was that Greek operations were a cooperative effort between the fraternity and the institution. Larger fraternity houses began to develop to handle the influx of students during this period. The spirit of service incorporated in most fraternity and sorority chapters

made them valuable allies to administrations and student governments.

This period, however, was not without its problems. Even though houses prospered and became large, there existed feelings of clannishness which turned away many friends and prospective members. The perception of clannishness has dissipated somewhat with a greater understanding on the part of the public of the role of fraternities in higher education. The second is the nagging problem of hazing which holds on in pockets of fraternity existence around the country. National fraternities, institutions, and even states have outlawed hazing as a part of any institutional practice. Nevertheless, it holds on primarily through the attitudes of the collegiate membership who seek to "test" the worthiness of a prospect before admitting him to membership. While the incidence is much rarer currently than it was following World War II, it continues to draw the attention of universities and fraternities alike.

Many leaders in civic and educational life have profited from their experience in the fraternity world. All but a handful of American Presidents and Vice-Presidents have been members of American college fraternities. The University of Nevada has produced several outstanding state leaders as graduates of its fraternity and sorority systems.

Eva Adams, former director of the U.S. Mint, is a member of Pi Beta Phi and Margie Foote, state assemblywoman, is a Delta Delta Delta sister. Congressman Santini is a member of Alpha Tau Omega as was former governor Grant Sawyer. Former Sen. Alan Bible is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha while Attorney General Robert List is Sigma Alpha Epsilon, University of Utah. Gov. O'Callaghan is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon from the University of Idaho.

Today, in addition to housing over 300 students at UNR, the fraternities and sororities offer a wide range of social activities and leadership opportunities. Elaborate governmental organizations are developed in each chapter, thus giving experience in group leadership. This naturally leads to involvement in university-wide organizations and the ASUN.

A list of service projects in which Greek-letter organizations participate seems to grow each year. They have assisted in such projects as a book drive for the Veterans Hospital, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Piccolo School for Retarded Children, the Nevada Children's Home, the Washoe Association for Retarded Citizens, UNICEF, Toys for Tots, blood drives, March of Dimes, Kidney Foundation, Foster Children, Greek-sponsored summer camps for underprivileged children, American Cancer Society, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, American Heart Association and local food drives, as well as providing membership for other university service organizations.

The 200th anniversary of the founding of Greek-letter societies in America was celebrated Thursday, Dec. 2, by the four interfraternity conferences: National Interfraternity Conference, National Panhellenic Conference, Professional Interfraternity Conference and Professional Panhellenic Association.

Locally, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council are participating in a day-long tree planting project on the university athletic fields on Monday, Dec. 6. That evening, following the UNR-Stanford basketball game, a reception is sponsored in the Gold Hill Room of the Centennial Coliseum. All active and alumni members of Greek-letter organizations are invited to attend. In addition, President Max Milam has proclaimed Monday as Interfraternity Bicentennial Day on the campus.

Max Milam President

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT WHEREAS, the first Greek-letter fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, was founded at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, on December 5, 1776; and WHEREAS, Phi Beta Kappa became the model for fraternity groups over the next two centuries; and WHEREAS, December 2, 1976, has been declared National Interfraternity Day and will be celebrated with a gathering of honorary and social fraternities in Williamsburg, Virginia; and WHEREAS, Greek-letter organizations have played a significant role in the lives of students at the University of Nevada, Reno; and WHEREAS, the social fraternities and sororities are participating in a day of service benefiting the University; NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAX MILAM, President of the University of Nevada, Reno, do hereby proclaim Monday, December 6, 1976, as INTERFRATERNITY BICENTENNIAL DAY on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

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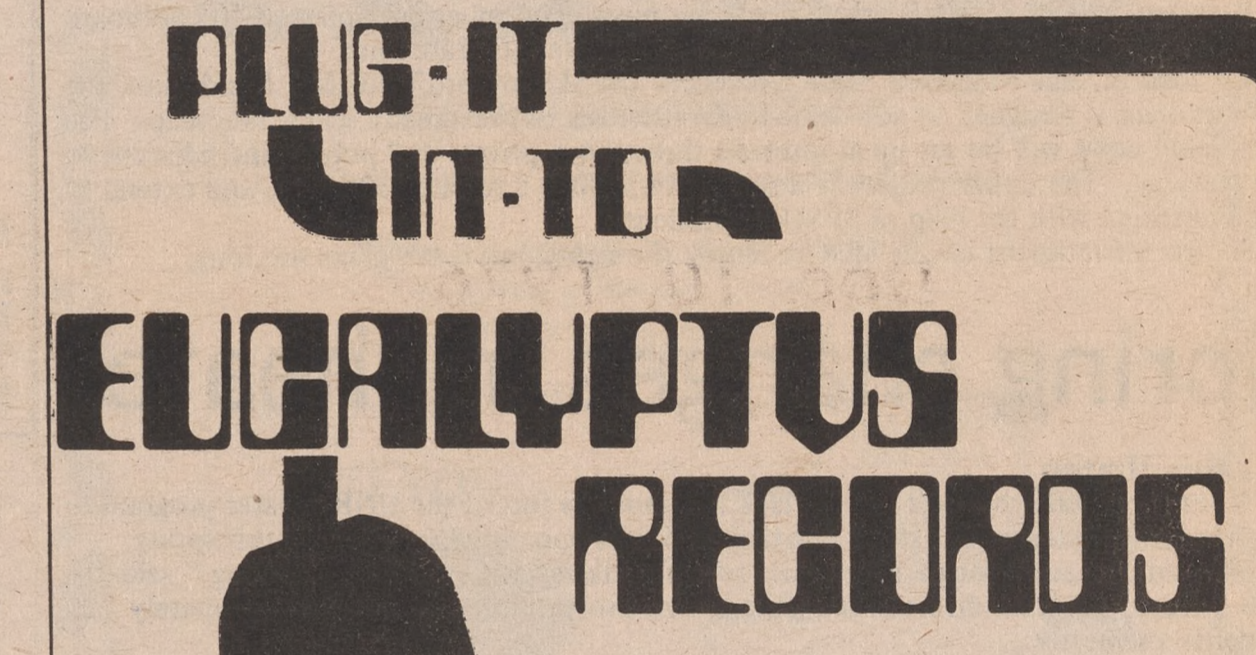
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Art exhibits open

Lori Kinnear Briggs

The UNR Art Department open house and sale arrived just in time for you desperados who have not bought or thought about Christmas presents.

Student organized and sponsored, the exhibit is open today, noon - 9 p.m. in the Church Fine Arts Building. The majority of work displayed will be student efforts but there will also be some displays by faculty members.

The exhibit will include paintings, drawings, ceramics and fabric work. All items will be for sale and the proceeds will go to students and toward the purchase of needed art equipment.



COW Country

Lori Kinnear Briggs

The Celebration of Wonder (COW) is not likely to pass you by if you steer your way down Interstate 80 West tomorrow.

Between 50 and 75 UNR art students are busy painting approximately 50 cardboard Holstein cows for display between Truckee and the Nevada state line.

An idea of San Francisco State University (SFSU) art professor Mel Henderson, the COW project is designed to add some udder interests to the already scenic landscape. The completed cows will be set up at intervals throughout private and public land adjacent to the freeway. The entire project is designed to include a total of 300 cows and extend to San Francisco, with the help of SFSU art students.

So, for the motorist on the MOOve, enjoy the sights, but don't graze too long.

Spring changes in theater

Laura Hinton

A teaching staff shortage due to lack of funds has forced the UNR theater program to implement an independent study curriculum for its upper-division courses this spring.

"We don't have enough instructors to offer classes as listed in the catalog," said Dr. Bob Dillard, program director and one of two professors who teach approximately 125 students a semester.

Dillard explained that catalog degree requirements for theater majors will not change, but that the new program will permit all courses to be offered simultaneously.

"There are many courses required for graduation that we can't even offer on a regular rotation basis with the faculty we have," Dillard said.

The state legislature should provide more money for a university-supported theater program, according to Dr. Gordon Zimmerman, chairman of the Speech and Theater Department.

"Sooner or later, the state will have to realize that the most important ingredient in education is people rather than new facilities and buildings," he said.

Zimmerman said the Appropriations Committee of the College of Arts and Science does not consider Speech and Theater needs to be as urgent as others.

"The theater is in a terrible bind with such a limited faculty," he said. He added that the speech program, with the same number of majors and twice as many professors, is in the same bind.

"We have to get special money from the dean each semester to provide more sections for Speech 113, a course required by other colleges," said Zimmerman.

Upper-division speech courses are filled the first day of registration.

An equivalent theater program, said Zimmerman, would hire 6-8 full-time faculty members rather than UNR's two (He cited the University of Montana as an example.)

Despite lack of faculty to teach courses, Dillard said that the new program has "sound educational philosophy" behind it.

"The program implies that a student has more responsibility in developing his own goals," he explained, "rather than having knowledge dumped on his head in the classroom."

Students will create their own modular courses with aid from an adviser, specifying the work they will accomplish in the traditional three-credit, semester-long framework. Modules may be designed for individual or group study, and may involve vocational training with a field technician. Students and advisers will also determine their own methods for course evaluation.

Dillard said the new program will create more flexibility within course structure and provide opportunity for specialization.

He admitted, however, that the new independent study curriculum was the best method "to get around" the faculty limitation in a positive manner.

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Right Place for 'alternate highs'

Sylva Maness

Concern about alcohol-related problems at UNR has encouraged a group of faculty and students to begin exploring ways to offer "alternative highs" on campus. With President Max Milam's help, a Task Force on Substance Abuse was formed and with funds from Milam and from the ASUN, the task force has organized a drop-in center.

The center, called The Right Place, is now open on a limited basis-1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday-in Juniper Hall. By the end of November, hours will be extended and the facilities will be expanded from a small room to a suite of rooms adjacent to the lobby in Juniper Hall.

The center will be staffed by 12 student volunteers who are being trained by Dr. Margaret Rockenbeck, a counselor in the Counseling and Testing Office. She said the volunteers are learning basic help and communication skills and are developing files on community resources for use in the center.

Rockenbeck, a member of the task force, explained that The Right Place is not designed "to replace other agencies, but is a place to get people linked up to other services."

She is optimistic that the center will be able to sponsor special "alternative programs" that will be fun and interesting to students, many of whom she sees as alienated and alone when they first come to the university. She emphasized that the center will be one place to get accurate information on anything from how to appeal a grade or where to find an inexpensive restaurant to personal, career or academic counseling.

Tim Wilson, student coordinator, added that The Right Place will be a resource and information center offering a restaurant menu library, game exchange and puzzle library, as well as recreation and academic information.

Rockenbeck said that the staff would like to hear ideas and suggestions for special alternative programs and are considering sponsoring workshops in areas such as message or meditation.

Information and help are available at The Right Place in Juniper Hall on S. Virginia Street, telephone 784-4849. The office is staffed weekday afternoons by Ronnie Crane, secretary for the center, and the task force, until volunteers complete their training and extend the hours into evenings and weekends.

Nye Hall smoked out

Pat Hill

At 4:30 a.m. Dec. 1, a smoke sensor sounded an alarm at Nye Hall. Most of the inhabitants left their beds and went outside to join other ghoulish bodies.

Just another false alarm? Not this time. This was the act of an arsonist. Twice within three weeks the bulletin board near the entrance lobby has been deliberately set ablaze. Campus Police Chief Keith Shumway says that's where the joke stops.

"Arson in Nevada," Shumway disclosed, "is a felony. It is punishable with a sentence of from one to 10 years in jail."

The police station and local fire fighters have been plagued with false alarms at Nye Hall all semester.

Chris Courale, resident director of Nye Hall, believes there is an answer. "All it takes is one person to be identified or caught in the act and I think that might take care of it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY
 - All Day-Women's Volleyball Tournament, Gym.
 - 8:15 p.m.-Handel's "Messiah," Pioneer Theatre-Auditorium.
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
 - All Day-Women's Volleyball Tournament, Gym.
 - All Day-UNPD vs. Reno PD Football Game for March of Dimes, Mackay Stadium.
 - 2 p.m.-Piano Recital, Stephai Arrigotti, CFA Theatre.
 - 8 p.m.-Bell Tell Talent Show, CFA Theatre.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
 - Noon-4 p.m.-Phi Delta Theta Benefit Concert for Easter Seals, Gym.
 - 2 p.m.-Bell Tell Talent Show, CFA Theatre.
 - 8 p.m.-ASUN Films, "Bite the Bullet," TSS Auditorium.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
 - 10-11 a.m.-Christian Fellowship, Tahoe Room, Union.
 - 6-6:45 p.m.-Silver Caissons, Gym.
 - 8 p.m.-UNR vs. Stanford, Centennial Coliseum.

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Parking proposal

Senate rejects plan

Sylva Maness

The ASUN Senate rejected the Parking and Traffic Board's controversial proposal favoring major changes in campus parking at a Wednesday night meeting in the lounge of Juniper Hall.

A majority and a minority parking proposal were prepared by the Parking Board last year and are now being considered by the Student Senate, the Faculty Senate and the Staff Employe Council.

UNPD Police Chief Keith Shumway and Parking Board Chairman Stan Barnhill spent an hour answering questions about the two proposals before the Senate rejected the majority report and took no action on the minority report.

In addition, the Senate agreed to ask the Student Services Committee to consider parking problems and bring a recommendation to the Senate to be forwarded to the Parking and Traffic Board.

During the meeting Shumway, who is an adviser to the board and helped prepare the majority report, said he thought the proposal was the best he had seen so far and added, "I hope if you defeat this proposal you will come up with a better one." He complained that his department is the focus for criticisms about parking and that there is nothing the police can do about problems under the present system.

Chairman Barnhill, new to the board this year, disagreed with Shumway and said he thought the Senate could reject the proposal even if an alternative was not available. He said, "If you reject this proposal it is the Parking Board's problem, but I welcome your input."

He emphasized that he would welcome any recommendations or suggestions from the Senate and suggested they request that the board begin studying the parking problem again.

It has been Barnhill's position that consideration of a new parking system is out of the board's hands until the pending ones are acted upon or returned to the board by the senates or the president.

Students objected to board recommendations calling for addition of a large number of meters, installation of tollgates for fee lots and elimination of free student parking near dorms. They also protested the lack of information about how the changes would be financed and what purpose revenue from them would serve.

Senators suggested investigating the possibilities of building high-rise parking garages, having unrestricted parking everywhere or consulting with a professional traffic engineer.

Shumway admitted that the proposal would not create any new parking areas but said he believed a simplified system would be easier to enforce.

He suggested that some of the crowded conditions could be eliminated if classes were more evenly scheduled from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but acknowledged that students and professors usually prefer Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning classes. He also said he believed that staff members working 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. should park further away, leaving closer areas for those who come at odd hours or have classes in different areas of campus.

College of Arts and Science

Backman named dean

Marc Picker

Dr. Carl W. Backman was approved as acting dean of the College of Arts and Science on Nov. 20 by the Board of Regents. The office was vacated when Dean Robert M. Gorrell was appointed vice-president of academic affairs.

Backman, a sociology professor, will hold the office until July 1977 when a permanent dean will take over. The choice of a new dean has not been made yet.

The immediate problem of adequate financial support for the College of Arts and Science is the main thing Backman plans to be working on next semester. He said that with the legislature working on the budget, money matters will be more than enough to take care of in addition to the everyday tasks of the deanship. Backman will also have to figure out what programs to cut if the legislature trims the budget for the university system.

Coming into the job right after the new budget is handed down from the legislature will not be a problem for the permanent dean, according to Backman. "I had no hand in the budget I am working under. It's just one of the things that comes with an administrative post."

As part of a nationwide trend, the College of Arts and Science has had a College Goals Committee working for over a year on plans for future directions for the College. The committee is headed by Dr. Robert Harvey of the English Department and includes six other faculty members, a student representative and an alumni representative. Although the committee is ongoing, its report is likely to be used as a prospectus for the deanship. It is designed to give the new dean an idea of what the College's needs and wants are.

Backman said he would like to see the College get the support it needs from the legislature to carry out all its programs. Some university programs like Social Services and Corrections are presently federally funded, but that funding is being cut back. Backman would like to see the state supply the money to keep such programs going. "Although the enrollment of students has not increased immensely, the financial needs have increased because of those cutbacks," he said.

Backman's concern for the future is with the quality of education in the College. "We have had to worry about the numbers of students—the quantity up until now, and I think that we are going to have to have more individual attention."

Backman taught at Oxford University during 1973-74 and feels its system is superior. "The heart of their system is the one-to-one teaching idea, a tutorial system. To do that we would have to have a huge faculty, and it just wouldn't be feasible here."

Backman was on sabbatical at Oxford to do work on a project he terms psycho-ethics. "I am concerned with how people can violate their morals and still have a good view of themselves and Oxford has excellent testing facilities to work with," he said. However, when Backman got to Oxford his reputation was so well-established through his published articles that he was asked to teach in the Department of Experimental Psychology there.

Backman came to UNR in 1955 from the University of Arkansas, where he was an instructor. He received his B.A. in Sociology from Oberlin College in 1948 and worked on his M.A. and Ph.D. at Indiana University, finishing in 1954.

Backman likes to garden, ride horses, camp or fish in his spare time. He has written or co-written five books; the last was published this year.



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Steve Martarano

UNR intramural boxing will never bring back memories of Madison Square Garden, but the intensity level would have to be about the same.

Thirty-six boxers, mainly fraternity pledges, slugged it out over a two-night period in mid-November in the university old gym.

When the blood stopped flying—and it was gory at times—Independent boxers came away with four firsts. Among fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu had two firsts each, while Alpha Tau Omega had one final winner.

Emerging as winners in the final bouts were Victor Alegria (Ind.), 135; Steve Korcheck (SAE), 145; Carl Matzell (Ind.), 150; John Bedell (ATO), 157; Pat Pinjuv (Ind.), 160; Paul Ricciardi (SAE), 167; Roger Harrington (SN), 178; Greg McDowell (Ind.), 185; and Gene Drakulich (SN), Heavyweight.

Cagers ready to work

Now that the UNR basketball team is 1-1, head coach Jim Carey is ready to go to work. "We looked terrible at times against Vegas," Carey said. "We weren't in our offense. We have to move the ball more than that and cut down on the turnovers."

The loss Friday night was at the hands of one of the nation's best basketball teams, the University of Nevada—Las Vegas. The Rebels are ranked seventh on both national wire service polls and fifth by *Sports Illustrated*. Saturday night's win was against the San Jose State Spartans.

"We were a little better Saturday but there still wasn't enough movement. I am glad that we got the ball to Edgar [Jones] more."

Next on the schedule is Stanford, Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Centennial Coliseum.

"We are going to have to hit the boards on defense and get it to Edgar on offense. If we do that we'll be alright," said Carey.

Rippee strikes gold

Terri Gunkel

Jokes and smiles were in abundance at the 1976 Wolf Pack awards banquet recently, and with good reason. Chris Ault's "Cinderella Team" finished with a winning record as promised.

And when it was all over, senior team captain Mike Rippee had been honored as Most Inspirational and Scholar Athlete, also receiving the highest honor, the Golden Helmet Award, as the season's overall Most Valuable Player, amid standing ovations.

Assistant coach Craig Bray, who coaches the wide receivers, probably summed up the team's emotions toward the Weed Heights native best.

"You talk about dedication, concentration, love for your fellow player," said Bray in a choked voice, "then you talk about Mike Rippee. The coaches love him, the team loves him and I love him."

While accepting the Golden Helmet plaque, Rippee modestly thanked the offensive line for a "super job," explaining that there was "no way possible I could gain that many yards on my own."

He had 760 yards total offense in 159 carries and scored 10 touchdowns as the team's high scorer.

Other awards made during the night went to junior quarterback Jeff Tisdell as the Outstanding Offensive Player, senior defensive end Ed Smith as the Outstanding Defensive Player and the captains' awards to Smith, Mark Brandenburg and Casey Stevens, in addition to Rippee.

Finally, the man responsible for the success spoke briefly, thanking the administration for its support and confidence. Ault praised his staff as the "most dynamic and aggressive in the United States," and promised his returning players, "Don't plan on going home for Thanksgiving next year, because you're going to be playing in a bowl game."

A turn-around season in retrospect

8-3 Pack had main man to thank

Steve Martarano

He said he would take a team used to losing ways and make them winners in one season. The team went 8-3.

He said UNR would be "as tough to beat at home as Notre Dame in Rome." People laughed but the Pack ended up with a home record of 7-0.

He said the Pack would be an exciting club to watch. The team led the nation much of the season in offense and the community responded by turning out in numbers that made all of his wildest dreams come true.

Unlike most politicians in this election year of 1976, UNR's new head football coach Chris Ault was one leader able to make good on his promises.

35-22 victory was just the thing to get UNR on the right track for the big one of the year—UNLV.

Over 1,500 fans trooped down to Vegas, a good home crowd in past years, and they did some cheering the first half. The Pack looked brilliant, doing easily the same things it had done all season. UNR built a 21-7 lead and it appeared they would take that with them into the halftime locker room.

But in less than a minute, UNLV's superb quarterback, Glenn Carano, engineered a touchdown drive that culminated with no time on the clock as Pack defender Alex Willis tipped a sure interception into the hands of an unbelieving Rebel receiver.

"Next year we will be awesome. UNR is done chasing," said Ault.

Taking a program so inept and pathetic to watch that there was talk of completely canning it and concentrating on basketball, Ault totally reversed the team's form.

Immediately after being proclaimed football coach, Ault started a media blitz campaign aimed at one thing—confidence in the program and what UNR could accomplish.

The campaign was not one of originality. Almost every new coach in every sport preaches the same things. So most media people simply nodded politely at the things Ault was saying. Sure Chris, you betcha buddy.

But Ault came through and the story is an incredible one. It has been said that maybe UNR lucked out, playing patsy teams and rolling up impressive stats. But the truth is that although many of the Pack opponents were pushovers, UNR was being trounced by the same outfits only a year earlier.

That pattern was established early. Ault had been talking all winter and in May it was time for the alumni game and a chance to put his methods into motion.

UNR had lost the year before to the alumni, but in the opening exercise for the Ault show, the Pack killed its older counterparts 41-6. The sleeping power had begun to rumble.

Spurred on by the sweet taste of success, Ault put the squad through what had to be one of the toughest summers in history. Mike Rippee, Ed Smith, Casey Stevens and Mark Brandenburg were named as team captains as Hayward State was due to become the first victim of the rejuvenated Pack.

UNR couldn't do a thing for a half, trailing 13-0. But it was in the second half that the Pack finally showed what it had, winning in front of 5,300 fans. It was a 30-13 victory, and it anticipated a lot of what would come later, mainly the running of Mike Rippee and the arm of Jeff Tisdell.

The Pack beat a weak Willamette club 39-6 in Willamette to run its record to 2-0, but then met defeat against Idaho State.

Ironically all three UNR losses would come on the road and on artificial turf. This was the first of those losses and probably the only game the Pack never should have lost.

It had a nine point halftime lead but then quickly lost that once the second half began. Fumbles and interceptions killed the Pack as it lost 27-22. Idaho would go on to have a miserable season, its only other victory coming in the final game against the University of Idaho.

The Pack returned home and met a Montana Tech team that a UNR team even during its worst moments would have clobbered. Tisdell threw a touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage and it was no contest after that with the Pack winning 57-7.

By now most UNR fans were convinced that the Pack had definitely improved, but how much was still up for debate. Santa Clara was coming into town for Homecoming and this would truly be the test everyone was waiting for.

Entering the game, the Broncos were 4-0 and ranked 10th in Division II in the nation. Santa Clara also had history on its side, winning all UNR matchups except for three in a rivalry that went back to 1898. There were six ties.

But all that went out the window as the biggest crowd since 1948 joyously looked on. UNR fell behind but then reeled off seven consecutive touchdowns for a dramatic 56-39 victory. The Pack was not to be taken lightly.

Nevada was now 4-1 and the next home opponent, Simon Fraser, was simply a tuning up before the Pack would meet the always-tough Boise State Broncos. It was another big day offensively as UNR rolled up a 44-13 win. Easy victories were a commonplace occurrence.

On that Friday before Boise it was announced that all UNR sports were on probation for the year and regardless of its season record, a bowl game was no longer a possibility.

In what manner that revelation messed up the Pack minds against Boise will never be known, but in any event it was not the same football team of weeks past.

Interceptions, fumbles, and a sure touchdown dropped in the end zone spelled out the second defeat of the year 26-8. UNR didn't hurt its offensive ranking any, piling up 383 yards. It was becoming obvious that although the Pack's defense was suspect at times, its offense could not be stopped.

Two easy home wins against the hapless California schools Chico and Sacramento built the Pack's mark to 7-2, already four wins better than the previous season. The games were nearly identical in that they were at home and the Pack built up big leads as most fans split at halftime.

Portland State was next, wearing old discarded WFL uniforms. There was probably more pre-game talk about this one than other games, and the reason was that Portland came into the game sporting the number two offense and the top passer (quarterback June Jones) in Division II. Who was number one in offense? The Pack, so a super aerial attack was anticipated.

It didn't happen, although UNR did put on an exciting offensive show for running back lovers. Tisdell threw only 16 times, but the Pack still managed to come up with 35 points as Rippee roared for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Portland's passing wonder, Jones, couldn't throw a touchdown and Pack defenders picked off three of his tosses. The

Paul Williams took the Vegas second-half kickoff down to the six-yard line and the Pack soon was ahead 27-14. The extra point was blocked; that was just a sample of the bad things that soon came UNR's way.

After the smoke had cleared and the Pack defensive backs had stopped watching Carano passes buzzing over their heads for TDs, UNR had fallen 49-33. The coveted Fremont Cannon would have to wait a year to take up residency in Reno.

But the season was definitely a turning point for the program. There were records broken and performances unmatched throughout Nevada's colorful history.

As for individual records that were smashed, receiver Jeff Wright and Tisdell led the way. In the Idaho State loss, Wright latched onto 14 Tisdell passes, breaking the old record by six. And then against Simon Fraser, it took him about 20 seconds but he weaved and jitter-stepped his way for a 97-yard punt return touchdown.

But the real story where the Pack offense was concerned involved quarterback Tisdell. Practically a basket case a year earlier, he rewrote the UNR passing record book.

Tisdell set records for pass attempts, pass completions, passing yardage, TD passes, total offense and total offensive plays. The season will be remembered as one long string of Tisdell bombs to Wright, and lob toss touchdowns to Steve Senini and Stan Loftus.

Rippee, a senior, received the team's Most Valuable Player award as he rushed for 760 yards and 10 touchdowns. Ault had said all along, "You give me 11 Mike Rippees and coaching would be easy."

Who cannot stop and listen when Chris Ault talks now? The man, although working his players ragged, was constantly being praised by the team members. They knew what he represented, and their dedication and confidence was a direct reflection of Ault.

"I just couldn't ask for any more out of a ballclub or a season," Ault said in retrospect. "I had more fun coaching this year than ever before."

But now for most Pack fans, 1976 will be considered the building block of an entirely new era. Ault agrees and has his sights set on a very successful recruiting season. One of the benefits a winning team has is that prospects would much rather come to a winner.

Ault also has some major revamping in mind for Mackay Stadium. He wants to increase the seating capacity to a hefty 14,000, many of those seats to be in the student section. He also wants new locker room facilities and he expressed a desire to expand the existing press box. In addition, he wants to rip out all the grass and re turf it with a new natural compound. "This program is going to go first class all the way," Ault said.

Ault stated, "We'll be playing a better schedule against better teams." Notably missing are Chico, Hayward, Montana Tech and Simon Fraser. Instead there will be Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo, UC Davis, Northridge State and San Francisco State.

"Next year we will be awesome. UNR is done chasing," said Ault. The players believe in him, his coaches believe in him, and now Northern Nevada believes in him. Wolf Pack football will never be the same again.



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